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Unworldliness

By S. S. Nelson

ONE OF THE DISTINGUISHING MARKS of a Christian all through the past generations has been that they were different from the unsaved or worldly people.

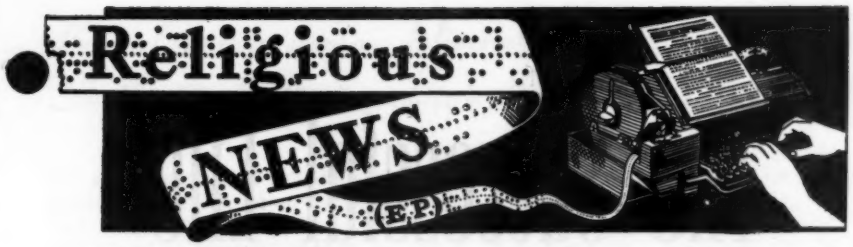
While Christians labor, sow and reap, and many of them have homes and a trade or business whereby they earn their living, they do not see life in the same way the sinner views it. They are living and laboring for a different purpose. The sinner is living in a way, or trying to live in a way, that he can get the most possible out of living in the present. The Christian is living in a way to put the most into life that he can. The aims of a Christian and a sinner are opposite or extremes.

The sinner lives, eats, labors, and governs all his ambitions from a worldly standpoint. His dress is to draw the approval of others. His amusements are such as to gratify the sinfulness of his heart. The things of God are foolishness with him. While he often is a member of some institution called a church, a sinner rarely ever takes a stand for the right all the way through until he becomes converted. He is a dead weight to any church.

The Christian lives, dresses, and labors for one final aim and purpose, and that is the glory of God. His dress, conversation, and amusements are vastly different from those of the sinner. His occupation whereby he earns a living is a secondary matter with him. His first work is to serve the Lord and be a blessing to his fellow man. The Christian would feel uncomfortable appearing as the world appears. He would feel out of place where sinners enjoy themselves the best.

Many church members are worldly and have departed from the teachings of the Bible. Such members love the dance, show, and card party, and have no love for the prayer meeting. They had rather do something else any time than to pray, hence so many "do societies" in worldly churches. Everything in such a church must be in order or else they are offended.

Where a number of real Christians worship there is a real church. They enjoy praying and singing, and many of them are as enthusiastic in meeting as sinners are at the ball game or show. Their religion is a living reality to them. They are unworldly. Such a church is not popular, but it is powerful. It may not be eloquent, but it is charged with heavenly electricity. The one aim of the devil is to get every true Christian and every church to lose their unworldliness. Yet, through all the past ages, Christians and Christian churches have been unworldly, and will be so until the end of this age. It is as impossible to mix the worldliness of the sinner and the unworldliness of the Christian as it is to mix oil and water, or light and darkness. Worldly people may become unworldly, and unworldly people may become worldly, but they must be one or the other. They must be for God or against God. Christians are unworldly. The Church of the First-born is unworldly. The Lord's people are strangers and pilgrims in this world.



CHURCH SITUATION IN EAST GERMANY WORSE

BERLIN (EP) The deterioration in the church situation which has been observed for the last few weeks in the Soviet Zone continues. The Evangelical Bishop of Berlin, Dr. Otto Dibelius, appealed on Easter Sunday, in the crowded Marienkirche in the Soviet sector of Berlin, to Christian youth in the German Democratic Republic to stand fast against all assault. "Hold to what you have. The hour will come when you will be grateful to God for the tribulations of your young days." The risen Christ, Bishop Dibelius went on, brought peace to mankind, bound nations together in bonds of charity and understanding, and brought forces into being which should free men from fear. According to an announcement by United Press on April 14, Bishop Dibelius has protested to the Soviet Commander-in-Chief in Eastern Germany, Berlin's General Vassili Chuikov, against the "anti-religious Communist campaign." The contents of his letter will not be published until an answer has been received.

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REVIVAL CONTINUES IN JAPAN

JAPAN (EP) Revival continues to sweep across the islands of Japan! Reports say it is a New Testament revival where sick are being healed, demons cast out, storms stilled, and hundreds converted.

The revival started among evangelical missionaries and has spread rapidly. At Karuizawa it broke after missionaries fasted and prayed for several days. Many feel the whole movement dates to a statement made by Billy Graham to 700 missionaries in Tokyo last winter when he said, "If you are not filled with the Holy Ghost, you might as well go home."

Students at Osaka Christian college caught the revival fire when a group of missionaries from Tokyo felt led to go to the college to testify, telling of what the Lord had been doing in their hearts and lives. It was the last chapel service of the year but lasted for four hours. Youth were saved, and many dedicated their lives for Christian service.

Because of the revival spirit descending on the campus just at graduation time, the exercises resulted in what missionaries term the strangest graduation ever attended. Traditions were forgotten, programs abolished, while students and faculty let the Holy Spirit move in and take control.

At the graduation exercises a challenge was extended for those desiring to dedicate their lives to Christ. The altar filled. Final activity for the college year found students and faculty joining together with glowing faces and hands uplifted in consecration, singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

It is impossible to print even a small portion of the many instances where God is blessing in Japan. Missionaries state that it is the greatest revival they have ever seen. REVIVAL HAS COME TO JAPAN!

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NOTABLE STAR DISCOVERY BY SOUTH AFRICAN ASTRONOMER

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (EP) The Assistant Union Astronomer, Dr. W. S. Finsen, of the Johannesburg Observatory, has just ended a two-year search into outer space—and made one of the most notable astronomical "finds" of the year. Working with his self-designed interforometer, an instrument which doubles the resolving power of telescopes, he has discovered a visual binary. In layman's language this is a system of two suns revolving one around the other. And in this case the binary revolves in the shortest known period of 1.59 years. These twin suns lie in the "no man's land" of space which stronomers find difficult to search with a telescope or spectroscopes, and they will be used as a "measuring stick," Dr. Finsen said. During his two-year search he has carefully studied 2,100 stars twice over.

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DEAF FELLOWSHIP HOLDS NATIONAL SEMINAR

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (EP) The first annual national seminar for workers of the Assembly of God Deaf Fellowship was held at the Central Bible Institute here. Thirty pastors from over the country attended the seminar, which consisted mainly of workshop sessions for ministers to the deaf. On the program were cartoonist Charles Ramsey, the Rev. J. R. Flower, general secretary of the denomination, and the Rev. Melvin Hodges, returned missionary from Central America.

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LABELS PRAYER "PRESSURE CAMPAIGN"

YORK, Pennsylvania (EP) When a proposal by Gideons to distribute Gideon New Testaments to public schools here was turned down by the school board, some 40 churches called a day of prayer that the board would reverse its decision. In answer, Dr. A. W. Ferguson, city superintendent of schools, labeled the "day of prayer" a "pressure campaign against members of the school board."

He said the Gideon proposal "may be illegal, and to distribute Protestant Testaments in public schools is against sound public policy," since the schools are attended by pupils of all faiths. Dr. Ferguson said the question of distributing Gideon Testaments had been discussed at a national meeting of school superintendents at Atlantic City, N. J. last February.

"Some of the superintendents revealed that the laws of their states would not permit any manner of distribution of Gideon Testaments," he said. "One-half the superintendents present reported their boards would not permit such a distribution. Even where the legal question was not raised, other superintendents reported their boards felt the separation of Church and State was clearly involved."

The York Camp of Gideons is conducting prayer meetings at 7 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month in the hope of getting the school to accept their distribution plan.

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CHRISTIAN CARTOONIST RECEIVES SMITH AWARD

DALLAS, Texas (EP) Jack Hamm, nationally famous cartoonist, whose religious cartoons appear regularly in scores of newspapers and magazines each week, has received the fifth annual "Howard R. Smith Award" for the best editorial feature on Christian religious lines for 1952. The Smith Award consists of a plaque and a check for five hundred dollars for Hamm. Ordinarily, the check is for one hundred dollars, but, in view of the fact that Hamm bears all expenses of production and mailing in syndicating his religious cartoon feature, Mr. Smith has upped the monetary award to five hundred dollars. Hamm is an art instructor at Baylor University, his alma mater, in Waco, Texas. Small town and metopolitan newspapers use his cartoons. The artist originally planned on studying for the ministry, but changed to the study of art and became a regular commercial cartoonist on several comic strips. Feeling a call to a special ministry through use of his talent and experience, Hamm started drawing religious cartoons with Bible texts, and offering them to newspapers free of charge. His initial effort has now grown to nation-wide proportions and is looked forward to by multiplied thousands of readers each week. Hamm has also won other awards.

The purpose of the "Howard R. Smith Award" for religious newspaper editorial writing and features is to further the cause of Christ on editorial pages. Mr. Smith is a former newspaper editor and press association news writer. He now travels extensively over the nation as representative for newspaper research organizations and radio advertising services.

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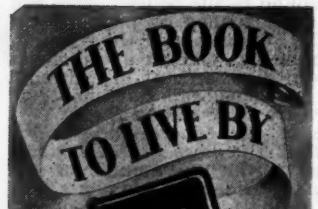
PRESIDENT'S WIFE ASKS PRAYER

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower has asked church women everywhere to pray that God may give divine guidance to the nation and its leaders.

She made this request in accepting a white leather Bible from officers of the Women's Fellowship of the National Association of Evangelicals.



The Successful Life

By M. M. Mortenson
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THE GREATEST TEACHER Who ever lived said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." In this text we have the *"summum bonum,"* the supreme good. Here Christ teaches us that we are to seek first things first; that the burning, focal point is Christ Himself; that *He* is THE KINGDOM OF GOD WITHIN US and *He* is GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.

John Wanamaker, who was founder of the largest department store in Philadelphia, was superintendent of the largest Sunday School, and Postmaster General of the United States. When asked how he got time to run a great Sunday School with the business of his stores and the responsibilities of the Postmaster Generalship, he replied: "Why the Sunday School is my business. All these other things are just things. Fifty-five years ago I decided that God's promise was sure: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.'"

JENNY LIND, famous Swedish "nightingale" singer, who first came to America in 1850 to fill the largest auditoriums with her glorious voice, found herself, one day, lying on a couch with its exquisite pillows, and surrounded by some friends. She was asked to write an autograph. Though fame, friends, and money were hers, she wrote:

"In vain I seek for rest in all created good;
It leaves me still unblest and makes me cry to God.
Ah! sure at rest I can not be,
Until my soul finds its rest in Thee."

Jenny Lind did find rest in the Lord. Hear her sum up the supreme purpose of her life in these words, "I SING FOR GOD."

True, you will need these things of which Christ spoke in our text: food and clothing, plus shelter and social acceptance, but remember that food, sex, money, and applause are not the first needs of this ambulatory piece of protoplasm (the so-called *homo-sapiens*), this body, soul, and spirit created in the direct image of God. Even Bertrand Russell found in the prophets a protest against the false assumption that the sure road to happiness and a successful life is in the size of a man's income and the means to increase it. The unbreakable pledge of our radiant Redeemer is that when we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, all these other things shall be added unto us. God will provide for us as wonderfully as He provides food for the birds of the air and beauty for the flowers of the field. His name has ever been *Jehovah-jireh,* "the Lord will provide."

The prerogative of choice is yours—to seek first, or not to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness—"to be or not to be" born again from above, thus loving the Lord with your whole heart, soul, mind, strength, and all there is within you, and your neighbor as yourself. Burke was right when he said: "Man, whose prerogative it is to be, in a great degree, a creature of his own choosing." Lowell challenges us with this unavoidable responsibility:

"Once to every man and nation, comes the moment to decide,
In the strife 'twixt truth and falsehood, for the good or evil side."

BY CHOOSING to follow the behest of Christ, we become correctly positionized for time and eternity. Liberty, education, wealth, and science have failed to produce the successful life. It is to be found only in Christ Jesus. Life will then be a solar system—Christ being the sun, a personal focus of the kingdom, and all else revolving around Him.

One of the foremost television stars, whose program is viewed from coast to coast, on Wednesday of last April 15 in Cincinnati, bowed his knees and confessed with his tongue that Jesus Christ is Lord. His cry was, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Then, on the following Sunday night, he appeared on Billy Graham's "Hour of Decision" program, which was broadcast from the Municipal Auditorium in St. Louis. There he gave his marvelous testimony of the saving grace of Christ, and of the joy of Christian living. He concluded his testimony with the remarkable words his sainted mother had spoken to him in early childhood and manhood: "No success is success outside the will of Christ; in the will of Christ all is success."

To seek first the kingdom of God—to become a Christian—you do not need to park your brains. You do have to *think!* You are all familiar with the story in the Gospel of St. Luke of the prodigal son. He tired of home, and when he had gotten from his father his part of the family inheritance into portable form, he took his journey into a far country and there wasted his substance in riotous living. When his money was gone, so were his erstwhile friends. A famine arose, and he began to be in want. The only job he could find was that of feeding swine—the most detestable job for a Jew. Even this employment did

not supply sufficient funds, for he became so hungry he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate, and no man gave him anything. It was then that the prodigal son *"came to himself"* (began to *think*). "And when he came to himself, he said, How many servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants." His father met him with a kiss of forgiveness, calling the servants to bring the best robe for him, shoes for his feet and a ring for his hand, and to prepare a feast celebrating the return of his son who was dead, and is now alive again, lost but is now found.

Some of the greatest men and women who ever lived were Christians—Gladstone, Queen Victoria, Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, William McKinley, William Jennings Bryan, *ad infinitum*.

The Bible exhorts to seeking in our text, and this requires thinking. "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool." And again, "What think ye of Christ?" Twenty-five years ago this spring, in my boyhood home on the plains of North Dakota, one week-day morning at family worship, I was brought face to face with Christ and His claims. I, like you today, was eager to face life and tremblingly anxious for it to be a successful life. I saw the wide gate and the broad road that leads to hell and the many that go in thereat, and the restricted gate and the narrow way that leads to life and the few that find it.

I saw the perfect example of a successful life, the most successful person who ever lived upon earth—Christ. With mental vision, I saw Him live for me. I saw Him ridiculed, spat upon, brutally beaten, crowned with thorns, mercilessly hung upon a wooden cross to die, His hands and His feet pierced with cruel nails, and His side ripped open by a ruthless Roman spear. I saw Him die for me, and rise again for my justification. In that short hour my life was completely changed. My irrevocable decision was to seek first the kingdom of God, being assured that all material things would be added to me by my all-knowing heavenly Father.

WILL OBEDIENCE to this command of Christ cost me anything? Certainly! Anything worthwhile costs. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, in one of his radio broadcasts, told of a young man who complained about the church costing so much. An old Pennsylvania Dutch farmer gave him a good reply: "Never say that again! I fell in love, son. I married. In time a baby came. From the moment that baby came, it cost me. It cost me money for the doctor and the nurse and the baby's equipment. Then I had to buy it toys, as well as food and clothes. The more that baby grew, the more it cost me. When the boy got to high school, the costs began to mount. Then he went to college. That cost me a lot. He began to go out with the girls. There was still more expense. But in his senior year in college he took sick and died. He hasn't cost me a cent since."

The cost for St. John was being exiled on the isle of Patmos for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, but the last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation, is the glorious result. John Bunyan, though prizing liberty for his family's sake, refused to promise to cease preaching Christ to win freedom from Bedford jail. For twelve long years the cost to him was suffering untold, but out of his obedience to Christ came the immortal *Pilgrim's Progress*. John Milton toiled on, despite blindness, to give us *Paradise Lost*. Le Tourneau, one of the most influential Christian businessmen of America today, who manufactures the large road-making equipment seen across America, when he could not meet his payroll, nonetheless ordered his secretary to write a check which consisted of his tithe—one tenth of what he had earned over the past week. For this step he was questioned and, without doubt, also secretly ridiculed. But today he is a millionaire, giving ninety percent of his earnings to the work of the Lord and keeping only ten percent for himself. What has made his life so successful materially as well as spiritually? Le Tourneau has given the answer to scores of audiences across America. He sought first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all those material things were added unto him.

Would you make yours the successful life? Then take this guarantee of our Lord. Do not resist and reject His offered plan for your life. I have seen young people fail in the battle of life. One such I recall from my own ministry who rejected the Lord repeatedly in the services when invitations were given for acceptance of Christ. There ensued a fatal accident; prayer was offered by our pastor, the victim seeming to care little for prayer until it was learned that life would not be long. Later, when most earnest prayer was offered, at times that person seemed to trust Christ, and then again there seemed to come clouds of doubt and uncertainty. This person was guilty of wilfull rejection of Christ and of flagrant sin. Before death came it seemed as though this person was sinking into eternal night. May God have mercy upon that soul. We must conclude, however, that the life of that person was not the successful life.

MARY PRESCOTT MONTAGUE told a story which dates back to the setting of the World War of 1914-1919, but which has striking application for this occasion. The story is of a drab-looking little Virginian seamstress returning from Europe on one of the great ocean liners shortly after war had been declared. Her neighbor in the adjoining deck chair, who had been watching her, had noted how the lines in her face appeared to have been overlaid by something big which had given her face an entirely different look. It was not long until the little seamstress was pouring out her story, for she needed nothing so much as to share with someone the soul-shaking experience that had been hers.

Her name was Sadie Virginia Smithson, and her home was in Johnson Falls, West Virginia. She had grown to

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WHOSE HEAD SHALL

By F. W. Lemons

JESUS CHRIST IS our eternal King!

"King eternal" (1 Timothy 1:17) and also "King of saints" (Revelation 15:3), Christians gladly own Him as their King. They have been "delivered from the power of darkness, and . . . translated . . . into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:13). In this realm the dominion of our archenemy has been broken, and Jesus Christ is undisputed King.

He is King by birthright. He was born King. The question of the Magi was, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:2.) Although not formally crowned by men, He was a King in life. He received the homage of a King on the day of the triumphal entry into JERUSALEM, when the hilarious throngs of common people shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" In defense of their right to so acclaim Him, He delivered a staggering rejoiner to the defenseless opposition—"I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40). It was in the role of a King that He rode the humble ass into Jerusalem, in fulfillment of prophecy: "Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt, the foal of an ass" (Matthew 21:5). While witnessing a good confession in the presence of Pontius Pilate, and in answer to Pilate's question, "Art thou the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Thou hast said"—definitely an affirmative reply. Finally, Jesus died a King. Ungodly soldiers stripped Him of His raiment, clothed Him with a scarlet robe, placed upon His royal brow a crown of thorns, and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Upon the cross above the head of the crucified Lord appeared Pilate's inscription, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews," Matthew 27:37.

He is our King by right of purchase. "Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Rev. 5:9). "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a *ransom* for many" (Matthew 10:45). "Know ye not that . . . ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20). It is by right of purchase that He has brought us into His kingdom.

He is our King by right of conquest. "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it" (Colossians 2:15). He met the prince of darkness at Calvary, for there the battle was pitched, and there was the "judgment of this world." There was the "prince of this world cast out" (John 12:31). The Prince of this world is none other than Satan, himself, who has held all the human family in his thraldom since the first Adam sinned and lost his blissful estate in the Garden of Eden. In the master stroke at Calvary, the last Adam triumphed over the god of this world and put him to an open shame before all principalities and powers. The gospel, therefore, proclaims that all mankind, through faith in Jesus Christ, may be delivered from the bondage of sin and Satan.

Thus He is, indeed, our King! But granting all this, is He actually King of your life? Have you actually crowned Him as your King? Some day we expect to lay trophies at His feet and participate in the grand coronation, proclaiming Him "King of kings and Lord of lords," but if that blessed hope comes true, He must hold the place of undisputed, unrivaled King of our lives here.

SOME WORTHY CHRISTIAN cartoonist has aptly drawn a picture of a young man holding in his hand a sparkling crown. In the picture stands Jesus, and the holder of the crown is debating whether he shall crown his own head or the head of Jesus. Above the drawing is the screaming question, "Which head?" A fitting question! It comes to every one of us. Shall the self-life be crowned or crucified? If self wears the crown, Jesus must be crucified. If the self-life is crucified, then Jesus wears it. But the crown cannot be yours and His jointly. It must be yours or His. The unalterable decree of Jesus is: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself" (Matthew 16:24). "Whosoever he be . . . that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33). It involves the matter of openly acclaiming Him as your King and confessing Him before men. Let not personal pride, ambition, or station in life befog the vision concerning these unmistakable claims of Christ. Let no one be ashamed of Him nor of the cost involved in following Him. "Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels" (Luke 9:26).

"Jesus, and shall it ever be,
A mortal man ashamed of Thee?
Ashamed of thee, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine thro' endless days.

"Ashamed of Jesus, sooner far
Let evening blush to own a star,
He shed the beams of light divine
O'er this benighted soul of mine.

"Ashamed of Jesus! Just as soon
Let midnight be ashamed of noon;
'Tis midnight with my soul til He,
Bright Morning Star, bids darkness flee.

"Ashamed of Jesus, that dear Friend,
On whom my hopes of heaven depend!
No; when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere His name.

"Ashamed of Jesus! Yes, I may,
When I've no guilt to wash away;
No tears to wipe, no good to crave,
No fears to quell, no soul to save."

—Anon.

WEAR THE CROWN?

If He is King of your life, you will follow Him. Love to Him is the essence of all virtue. Such love will constrain one to follow in His steps, to follow in His ever-triumphant train. There is, from the worldly standpoint, a reproach to following Him, but if He is King of our lives, we will "go forth unto him bearing his reproach" (Hebrews 13:12, 13). During His earthly life, His enemies said He was "beside himself", they "reviled him," "laughed him to scorn." He was called a hot-headed enthusiast. He was dogged from the cradle to the tomb—beaten, spit upon, maligned, and scorned. But there were some then, as there are now, who esteemed the reproach of Christ a great bargain and were delighted to own Him as their King. Also, there were those who followed Him "afar off," willing, as are many today, to keep up the formality. They were disciples, "but secretly." But they did not crown Him King. He must have whole-hearted allegiance or none.

IS JESUS CHRIST KING of your church? Technically, "King of the Church" may be an improper term, but He is "King of saints," and certainly He is the "Head of the Church." In many a church he is just that, for He is the center of the worship, the theme of every hymn, sermon, and testimony. A stranger will not be in such a church long until he discovers that Christ is all and in all, and what a place of refreshing such a church can be! Conversely, however, that is not true of every church. Is He, indeed, the Head of your church, or have you substituted another? Is the church a social club? Would He find a genuine welcome if He should instantly appear in your pulpit or at your altar.

Do you accept His voice as that of ultimate authority? If He is King of your church, you will cheerfully acknowledge His authority. There will be no wrangling about obeying His commands. The bitter controversies in some circles concerning the commands of Jesus, therefore, resolve into the question of who holds the authority in the Church. We have the unchallenged record of His words of authority, such as, "Tarry until ye be endued with *power* from on high"; "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, *baptizing* them," etc.; "And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17, 18). There are church councils and authorities in our modern age that relegate these plain teachings of Jesus to the apostles and to a bygone age. Of course, they offer no authority from the Bible in support of their claim. It is, therefore, a patent fact that such authorities presumptuously attempt to supercede the authority of the Head of the Church. They have taken the crown from Jesus and placed it upon proud, vain, fallible men. But those churches are not blessed, and know nothing of the joys unspeakable that are the heritage of those who crown Him King.

Is Jesus Christ King of your home? In many a Christian home there appears the well-known motto, "Christ is the Head of this house." While it is beautiful and a good testimony, in the home where this is really true, the fact is obvious, even without the motto on the wall. Godliness pervades such a home. The Word of God is given prominence, and there is Bible reading, family prayer and grace at meals. The authority of Christ and the Word is respected and is the rule of life. There is love in that family. The parents love each other and the children, and the children honor the parents. All because Christ is King to them.

On the other hand, there are ever-increasing numbers of American homes that reject Him as King. They have forsaken the family Bible and family altar. Alas, some have become scenes of card parties and drunken orgies. How quickly a home degenerates into a mere boarding house when Christ is dethroned. In these homes the great army of criminals that has brought America's crime wave to the peak was reared. The hope of our nation lies not alone in the fact that we have elected a gallant and able new president, who has conscientiously pledged, by the help of God, to support the Constitution of the United States. He will be helpless to turn back the tide of athiestic red Communism that has sworn the overthrow of this nation, unless the home life of America will experience a dynamic conversion that will enthrone Christ as King. Such a change will safeguard youth and produce stalwart men and women of character, in whose hands righteousness will prevail. Is He King of your home?

EACH OF US MUST DECIDE whether we will devote our allegiance to Him, or whether we will live to please ourselves. The latter makes a strong appeal. It promises much—achievement and success. It may prove to be momentarily satisfying. But when self is crowned, Christ is crucified! And when Christ is crowned, it is definitely at the expense of the self-life—the flesh—the old man. Here is the deciding factor: "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall find it" (Luke 9:24). Eventually, when all the facts are in, it will be clear that the self-crowned life was a total loss, and that the life of crucifixion for Jesus' sake is the one that pays the dividends.

How beautifully this is portrayed in the life of the great apostle Paul. We think him great today, and there was once a time when he would have proudly agreed with our appraisal of him. But there came another day when he met One, Jesus Christ of Nazareth—recently crucified—resurrected and ascended to the right hand of the Father. That day Paul doffed the crown and gladly crowned Jesus King of his life. He became so literally intrigued with the excellency of the knowledge of Christ

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REVIVALS

ORLANDO, Fla.—It is a privilege to give an account of the great blessings God has so bountifully poured out upon us in the 4 weeks' revival just closed. Sister Irene Hillhouse was our evangelist. Beginning with the first service, February 24, interest and attendance were good. Although many of our people were ill with the flu, each service was well attended, and there was always an increasing number of new faces of all ages. Sister Hillhouse so ably delivered the Word of God, in such a straightforward manner, and under such anointing of the Holy Ghost, yet so humbly and so simply spoken, none had cause to doubt, but was fully convinced that every message was inspired of God. She preached heaven so sweet, hell so real and permanent, that not less than an average of 20 to 50 made their way each night to an altar of prayer. Between 30 and 40 met conditions and arose shouting the high praise of God. Some of this number sought God for a deeper experience. More than 20, with shining faces and a song in their hearts, testified to sanctification, while 27 prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Twenty-three followed the Lord in water baptism. Again we thank God for the inspired messages Sister Hillhouse preached on the Church of God, which were such a revelation and enlightenment to many, and how she emphasized so clearly the importance of being a part of Christ's body that 14 came forward and presented themselves for membership. The revival fire is still burning. Our hearts were lightened and our souls fed as Sister Hillhouse so easily mastered her accordion and sang so richly songs that made hearts well up and eyes overflow with tears.

This report would be incomplete if I should fail to give our faithful pastor, his wife, and the church the credit due them. Providing well for his evangelists is just one of the many attributes Brother A. V. Howell possesses that has bound him and his church members together in Christian love and fellowship. Only the records of heaven will disclose the lasting good accomplished in the almost 10 years of faithful service, untiring efforts and sacrifice Brother Howell has given so unreservedly to the Church of God in Orlando. Whether on a building program, some recreation, or in the pulpit, he is vitally concerned and always seeking ways and means of reaching that soul who is without God. He is always ready to help and encourage those who are tempted and tried, sick or in trouble. His record of being chosen by the church year after year by a 100 per cent ballot vote is unequaled by but few. If Jesus tarries, we predict the same loyalty of church to pastor for many more years to come.—Mrs. Lillian A. Durand.

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BENTON, Ill.—God has blessed the church in Benton with another great revival. Rev. C. M. Newton, of Metropolis, Ill., was the evangelist. There were 12 saved, 10 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. One of the converts was a lady of Belgium who had been raised a Catholic. An elderly man 89 years old was saved and joined the church. We certainly thank God for these outstanding conversions. Our Sunday School is still increasing in number. The Church of God in Benton is moving forward under the leadership of our good pastor, Rev. L. B. Robbins.—Mrs. Loudene Price, Reporter.

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WHITE CLOUD, Mich.—We have had a most wonderful revival, with Mary Wilson doing the preaching. In one week we had 11 saved, 10 sanctified, and 11 filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank God for His power we felt every night, also the great healing service we had.—John Page, Pastor.

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CLIFTON, Ariz.—The Church of God here has just closed a 20-day revival. It was the best one we have seen in the 5 years we have been here. There were 9 saved, 4 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 6 baptized in water, and 5 added to the church. The evangelist was Rev. Dean McAllister. He is a wonderful preacher, and we learned to love him and recommend him to others. Pray for us here. —J. N. Morgan, Pastor; Murrell Derrick, Clerk.

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GRENADA, Miss.—Our hearts were made to rejoice as 47 people surrendered their hearts to God in the week and a half that Reverend Ernest W. Angley was here at the Church of God in Grenada. It was such a great privilege to have this wonderful man of God conduct this series of services. Many people were healed by the mighty power of God, and many souls were revived. Forty-seven were saved and a number received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, for which we thank God.—The Church of God.

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WHITTIER, N. C.—A few weeks ago the Lord really blessed us in a wonderful old-time revival. Our evangelists were Rev. Vernon Wood, pastor, and Mrs. Wood, of the East Alarka Church of God. Brother Wood preached under the anointing and power of God. The Holy Ghost took charge of some of the services, and old men and women, as well as the young, came running to the altar with tears streaming down their faces. There were 8 saved, 4 sanctified, and one added to the church. Sister Wood was wonderful with the young people and children. She conducted children's church, which resulted in a number of our small ones praying through to an experience with God. Brother Wood is available for revivals and will prove a blessing to any church. Our church is progressing rapidly under the leadership of our new pastor and his good wife, Brother and Sister T. J. Looney. We appreciate them very much. Pray that God will continue to bless at Whittier.—Mrs. Pearl Wood, Reporter.

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RICHMOND, Ind.—We have started on the fourth week of our revival, with Sister Mearis Jervis, of Oxford, Ohio, as our evangelist. The Lord is blessing her efforts, and the house is full almost every night. During the past 3 weeks there have been 22 saved, 14 sanctified, and 18 filled with the Holy Ghost. We have not had such a meeting in Richmond in years. We are in a building program and need your prayers. We had 93 in Sunday School 2 weeks ago and 78 last week.—Mattie Claspell.

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E. BELMONT, N. C.—Rev. N. G. Ridgeway, of Fitzgerald, Ga., was the evangelist in our recent 2 weeks' revival. Several were healed by the power of God, and a number prayed through to definite experiences with the Lord. Our church was greatly blessed by Brother Ridgeway's inspiring sermons. We praise God for the way He is blessing our church under the leadership of our able pastor, Rev. W. T. Ogden.—Dale Hartness, Reporter.

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SHERMAN, Texas—We are happy to report that the church at Sherman has recently enjoyed a wonderful revival. Seventeen were saved, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and a number testified to healing. The church, under the leadership of Brother and Sister O. R. Baker, continues to progress. The evangelist was Rev. Robert P. Danley and his party, of Indiana. The attendance was very good, and we enjoyed nightly the music and singing of the Danleys and their Hammond organ.—Reporter.

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ACTON, Ind.—The Lord has been gracious in giving us a good revival in Acton. This campaign began March 29 and lasted for three weeks. The revival spirit had prevailed in this church for a number of weeks, and still continues at this writing (May 1). Eight souls were saved, 3 sanctified, and 2 united with the church, and others are to follow at an early date. Some at present are seeking for the Holy Ghost.

The church has been growing spiritually for some time, and the work in all departments is progressing, even though 24 of those who attended at the beginning of the Assembly year (some were members) have moved to distant communities. Our church is a busy church, working on a number of projects, and a busy church is a happy church.

Rev. Delmus Welch was our evangelist. He and his good wife, Winnie, put forth their best efforts, along with our local workers, to make this revival a success. Brother and Sister Welch are members of the local church, having just recently transferred their membership from Crab Orchard, Tenn. Brother Welch is a good evangelist and worker with the young peo-

ple. While God has blessed us in a wonderful way, we are looking for this revival to continue, as from the previous revivals, and for greater things to come to pass in the near future.—John Marlin, Pastor.

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RANGER, Texas—We enjoyed so much a recent and most blessed revival at the Ranger Church of God. The attendance was very good, and the presence of the Spirit was felt in every service. Rev. Robert P. Danley and his party were the evangelists. We enjoyed the good music and singing under the direction of Brother Barney Smith, with Nancy and Sue Danley at the piano and Hammond organ. May God continue to pour out His blessings upon the pastor and his family and the good people of Ranger.

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DAISY, Tenn.—We have recently had an old-time, soul-stirring revival at the Falling Water Church of God, with Rev. Billy Millsap as the evangelist. Brother Millsap is an outstanding evangelist, preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. There were 13 saved, 9 sanctified, and 6 filled with the Holy Ghost. Rev. Floyd Morgan is the pastor of the Falling Water Church of God. He is a wonderful man of God, and we surely thank God for him.—Mrs. James Roberts, Y.P.E. president.

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CARTHAGE, Mo.—The Church of God here has been blessed recently with a great revival. The evangelists were Brother and Sister Bert Miles, of Chetopa, Kans. The Holy Ghost met with us each night. Many were healed, 7 saved, 4 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church. The entire church was spiritually revived. The Sunday School set a record attendance of 118 over the old record of 105. Rev. Melvin Porter is pastor of the church here. We have built a basement onto the church and are planning on starting an auditorium in the near future.—Nora Belle DeRossett, Clerk.

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PICKENS, S. C.—We have had a great revival at the Pickens Church of God, with Sister Evelyn Scroggs, of Seneca, S. C., as the evangelist. There were 10 saved, 3 sanctified, 8 added to the church, and the Lord is still blessing. We request your prayers for the continued progress of our church.—C. L. Hall, Pastor.

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BOWERSVILLE, Ga.—We had a wonderful youth revival, with Rev. Sammy Willis as the evangelist. There were 12 saved, 4 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. Our church is making great progress. We highly recommend Rev. Sammy Willis.—Charlie Willis, Pastor.

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Great Revival Sweeps Mississippi Delta

We have just had the greatest revival the Delta District has ever witnessed, at the Mount Zion Church of God at Indianola, Miss. Rev. E. W. Angley was the evangelist. We were unable to seat the great crowd of people that attended. They came from all parts of the State. The hearts of the people were stirred night after night as Brother Angley would bring the message under the great anointing power of God. One hundred and seventy were saved and a great number sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Miracles were performed—blind eyes were opened, deaf ears were unstopped, and people who wore braces took them off after being healed by the mighty power of God. We received a goodly number into the church, for which we are thankful. This revival will long be remembered by this church and all who attended.—J. E. Kennedy, Pastor.

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BRODHEAD, Ky.—We have had one of the greatest revivals at the Church of God at Brodhead, Ky., that the church has had since it was set in order. Our evangelist was Monroe Osborne. There were 25 saved, 20 sanctified, 14 filled with the Holy Ghost, 16 baptized in water, and 8 added to the church. The revival closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing.—Catherine Saylor, Pastor.

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GREENVILLE, Miss.—A great revival has just come to a close at the Church of God here, with Rev. J. W. Bennett, of Harrisburg, Ark., as the evangelist. Truly we can say this was the best revival the church has ever had. The mighty power of God was manifest in every service, and many were healed by the power of God. Twenty were saved, 9 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, 8 added to the church, and 11 baptized in water. Truly God hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.—W. L. Sharpe, Pastor.

There are over 15,000 missionaries serving abroad under auspices of American and Canadian mission boards, according to a recent survey. The report showed that this figure is an all-time high, comparing well with the 11,151 missionaries in 1936 and 13,555 in 1925.

COURT of PRAISE

HIAWATHA, W. Va.—I praise the Lord for touching my little girl when she wasn't expected to live.—Mrs. L. L. Parks.

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.—I praise the Lord for healing my eyes and for the way God has manifested Himself in our midst with many other healings. I had worn glasses since 1942, and, although I have trusted God for my healing since 1930, I never thought about trusting Him for my eyes until about two months ago. God is fully able and willing to help us if we will just obey and meet the conditions.—Lessie S. Mendes, Pastor.

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PRINCETON, W. Va.—I praise God for what He has done for me. I had been very nervous since the birth of my baby 17 months ago and was unable to care for my children and do my housework, but God wonderfully and marvelously healed me. Now I can work and take care of my children, and I am happy again. God is real, and He will deliver His children. There is nothing too hard for Him to do.—Dorothy McPherson.

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PINK HILL, N. C.—Truly I thank the Lord for His goodness to us and the way He helped my baby one night when he had a cold. He is a Friend, indeed.—Mrs. W. J. Best.

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COVINGTON, La.—For more than 20 years I had been bothered with a heart ailment, but last Sunday night, at the close of a week's revival, the evangelist, Sister Brannon, and our pastor, Brother Nettles, prayed for me, and I was healed. I am praising the Lord for it.—Mrs. Jackson Kuhn.

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THE SUCCESSFUL LIFE

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young girlhood in that small town before she realized she did not "belong" to *the* social set of the community. After her graduation from high school she had been deliberately kept out of the Laurel Literary Society, which stood as the symbol of all that was to be desired in that little community. She was being kept out because her father kept the livery stable and because she herself was obliged to take in sewing. Thus there grew up in her thoughts one great obsession—one day to be elected into the membership of the Laurel Literary Society. Since few people of that small town went to Europe, she determined to save enough money to travel there, and in her dreams often she could hear the soft-gloved hands clapping after she had read her paper, "My Trip to Europe."

It took many years to save the money. She went to Europe with a professor and his wife, only to have the war declared shortly after they had arrived. The professor's daughter became ill in Paris, and they were in Belgium. An army officer offered to take them to Paris in his car. On the way they missed their road and suddenly found themselves crossing a battlefield shortly after the battle had occurred.

A young fellow lay right beside the car with part of his side torn away, and, looking right up into the face of Sadie Virginia Smithson, he moaned, "Water, for God's sake!" Before she knew what she was doing, the little seamstress had jumped out of the car with her drinking cup and was making her way to a spring.

Then there followed the remarkable story of her night spent on the battlefield with those dying boys, for she utterly refused to get back into the car, which finally drove off and left her. Back and forth she went to the spring. She tore up her skirt to make it into bandages; she scribbled notes and messages to loved ones at home; she tramped back and forth through the blood-soaked field all night, and her prayer became, "God bless us, and keep us, and make His face to shine upon us." After that night of horror, with suddenly reddening skies and distant thunder and dying and moaning boys, the dawn came, and with it, an ambulance and a young doctor, who, confronted by the astounding spectacle of the little seamstress amid all that slaughter, shouted, "Who are you, and what in thunder are you doing here?"

To which she replied, "I'm Sadie Virginia Smithson, and I've been holding hell back all night."

"Well!" said the young doctor, now in a quiet voice. "Well, Miss Sadie Virginia, I'm glad you held some of it back, for everybody else in the world was letting it loose last night."

In telling her story she said, "I've never been married—never known what it was to have children—but that night all those men were my children, even the biggest and roughest of them, an' I believe I could have died for any one of 'em. I reckon bein' so crazy with pity had stretched me out of bein' a scary old maid into bein' a mother."

At the close of her story, her new friend, too shaken to know just what to say, ventured, "Well, the Laurel Literary Society will be glad enough to have you belong to it now."

The little seamstress sat bolt upright. "But—you don't understand. I've been face to face with war an' death an' hell an' God—I've been born again. Do you reckon any of them little things matter now?"

"What does matter?" whispered her companion.

"Nothin,'" she answered, "nothin' but God an' love an' doin' things for folks.'

Amen.

People who radiate sunshine have a faculty of turning the common water of life into the most delicious nectar. Their cheery salutation is like the coming of the morning after a long, dark night. Their smile is magic to a sad heart. It dispels the fogs of gloom and despair as the sun dispels the mists which hang over a stagnant swamp.

These sunshine characters are public benefactors. Everyone who comes in contact with them is enriched by their wealth of good cheer. And the more they give of their wealth the more it multiplies. It is like good seed planted in fertile ground.

STATEMENT ON COMITY
(from the Constitution of the P.F.N.A.)

Inasmuch as we recognize that the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America is based primarily and fundamentally on fellowship, we do not deem it wise or expedient to attempt to be a mediator or judge of the individual problems between cooperating organizations or churches. We do, however, recommend that any problems that do arise between individual organizations or churches be worked out on the basic principles set forth in our policies on comity, which are as follows:

First—that the leaders of the constituent bodies continue to encourage the district, state, and local leaders to become better acquainted with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America and its objectives, and through this means find a basis for the promotion of Fellowship in their respective localities.

Second—that for the promotion of fellowship between local congregations, no member bodies conduct tent revivals or build churches closer than three blocks or its equivalent of another Pentecostal church, without mutual consent of parties concerned.

Third—that each member body of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America refrain from endorsing or granting ministerial credentials to those of other groups, or receiving member churches or churches in fellowship with other groups, without an investigation of their character, conduct, and reasons for leaving the group with which they have been affiliated.

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WHOSE HEAD SHALL WEAR THE CROWN?

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that with no lingering regrets he suffered the loss of all things—just to know Him and share His righteousness. Thereafter Paul made no attempt to exalt himself. In fact, he professed that he was crucified to the world, and the world was crucified to him. So obsessed was Paul with Christ crucified that it seemed to the Corinthian church that he knew nothing else "save Jesus Christ . . . crucified." He made no display of personal charm, for they said his "bodily presence was weak." His glory was in the cross. Eloquence was not the secret of his success, for they said his "speech was contemptible." He would not obscure the cross with the polished, euphemistic phrases of men. But he preached the unsearchable riches of Christ, keeping Paul ever in the background.

What a picture in contrasts one might have beheld when the unassuming, little Jewish preacher visited Athens, the center of Greek culture, the city of the poets, the artists and philosophers, and spoke to the distinguished scholars concerning the "Unknown God," who to him was well-known (Acts 17). How out of place and out of this world it all seemed—the strange little man who owned nothing other than a few personal effects, a cloak and some old parchments, yes, and his triumphant faith in the Christ who was unquestionably King of his life. And when in the city of imperial Rome—the city of the mighty Caesars—how he stood out against the colorful background of glamor and iniquity, grandeur and decadence. The bestial Nero might rule the Roman Empire; he might pass sentence upon the little apostle; he could sentence him to the block. But little harm could he do beyond that to Paul. He had suffered much for the testimony of Jesus and after long, severe, unspeakable persecutions, when he made his last brief journey from the filthy Roman prison dungeon to the place of execution, he was still unashamed and triumphant. Christ was still his King.

The world doubtlessly marked Paul up as a common failure. He owned no real estate, no stocks or bonds. He made no will. He had attained no worldly fame. It had been more than thirty years since he had joyfully placed the crown on the brow of his lovely Lord, and on the eve of his departure he felt no sense of shame or regret for the bargain of so long ago, for by superhuman revelation he saw a new day dawning in which Christ would place a glittering crown upon his weary head. He could have said, "I gave up the crown then and lost everything, but I'll find it by and by." Yes, Nero and the world thought him a failure, but in his last letter to a young friend he penned the valedictory of a conqueror: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a *good* fight . . . Henceforth there is laid up for me a *crown* of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing."

Our business in life is not to get ahead of other people, but to get ahead of ourselves. To break our own record, to outstrip our yesterdays by todays, to bear our trials more beautifully than we ever dreamed we could, to whip the temper inside and out as we never whipped it before, to give as we never have given, to do our work with more force and finer finish than ever—this is the true idea—to get ahead of ourselves.—Author Unknown.

E/P NEWS...

TO REPRINT CLASSICS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (EP) The Zondervan Publishing House has announced an extensive program for the reprinting of outstanding Christian classics now out of print and available only in scarce editions. This decision to reprint several Christian classics was made as a result of a firm conviction that the great writers of yesterday have a message for readers today. Among the reprint classics scheduled for the year 1953 are "DOGMATIC THEOLOGY" by W. G. T. Shedd, "A CALL TO THE UNCONVERTED" by Richard Baxter, "COMMENTARY ON ISAIAH" by J. A. Alexander, "THE MASTER'S INDWELLING" by Andrew Murray, "THE DOCTRINE OF THE ATONEMENT as Taught by Christ Himself" by George Smeaton, and "COMMENTARY ON PHILIPPIANS" by J. B. Lightfoot.

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MAY SELL PACKAGE LIQUOR AT AIR BASES

LOS ANGELES (EP) "There is now on the desk of Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott a proposal to permit the sale of packaged liquor on Air Force Bases," says **The National Voice**. "That the United States Military authorities would even entertain such an invitation to disaster is unbelievable. In 1952 there were 2,300 non-combat major Air Force accidents causing a tragic loss in personnel and expensive aircraft. Mechanical failures and weather conditions have given us all the accidents we can afford, and more, without increasing the hazards by making liquor even more available to pilots and ground crews."

"In 1901, a law was passed making it unlawful to sell intoxicating liquor on U. S. premises, and that law has never been repealed. It is still in effect. This proposal is in direct conflict with this law. Unreasonable and foolhardy as it may seem, it does look as though the Air Force is about to put its approval on the sale of intoxicants on Air Force bases.

The National Voice urges that "a flood of letters should go to Hon. Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D. C., urging him to make use of the powers granted him by Congress to prevent the approval of this proposal to sell package liquor at Air Bases."

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LET US NOT PRAY

(EP) Members of the Harvard Divinity School Student Association called a special meeting last week and wrangled long and loud. The subject: whether or not the future divines should begin business meetings with prayer. The decision: no opening prayer, vocal or silent; no rules against them either.

Woe betide the clergyman who misses the information that one of his parishioners is ill. Writing in his parish magazine, Canon J. O. Williams, rector of Caerphilly, echoes the thoughts of many of the cloth when he pleads that it is quite as essential to inform the pastor as it is the doctor, and quotes this neat little verse:

"So the doctor called to see her,
But the pastor didn't go;
For the doctor had been sent for,
But the pastor didn't know.
Now the doctor gets his bill paid,
With a useful little cheque,
But the pastor, for not knowing,
Simply gets it in the neck."

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WOULD ADD GOD'S NAME TO FLAG PLEDGE

WASHINGTON (EP) A bill to insert the words "under God" in the U. S. pledge of allegiance to the flag was introduced to the House of Representatives last week by Democratic Congressman Louis C. Rabaut, of Michigan. Congressman Rabaut's amended pledge would read: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, **under God**, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." "Our country was born under God," said Rabaut, "and only (under God) will it live as a citadel of freedom."

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Roman Catholic periodicals in the U. S. have a circulation of 15,038,000.

REPORTS

THOMPSON VALLEY, Va.—The church here is still moving on for God under the leadership of Brother Sells and his good wife. We appreciate Brother and Sister Sells very much. We are almost out of debt now and are planning to do some more work on our parsonage soon. Sister Sells bought a nice sink for the parsonage by selling her pretty handwork.

Brother Roby Day was our evangelist in a revival in April. There were several experiences. One received the Holy Ghost and 5 came into the church. We appreciate Brother Day, too. He is a member of our church. Pray for our work here.—Mrs. Fred Meredith, Clerk.

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MINNESOTA STATE CONVENTION

The state convention of the Church of God in Minnesota convened April 24-26 at the Minneapolis church, 1534 East 24th Street.

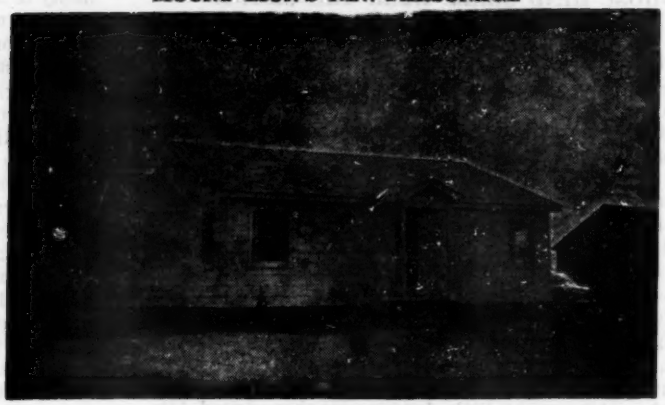
The services were moderated by the state overseer, Rev. Estel D. Moore. Beginningon Friday evening, we enjoyed the fine singing and music by both local and visiting workers. The message was brought by Rev. Luther Painter, overseer of North and South Dakota. Truly we all enjoyed this wonderful sermon, and we felt honored to have Bro. Painter with us. Saturday afternoon the message was brought by Rev. Walter Johnston, Jr., of Minneapolis, and God blessed in this service. The ladies of the Minneapolis church served supper to all those present after this service.

On Saturday evening we were privileged to have with us our Assistant General Overseer, Rev. Houston R. Morehead, and after a great time of singing and praising God, he brought us a wonderful message. Surely everyone was made to be thankful to God for our blessings after he told of so many in Korea and other mission fields who did not have even the necessities of life. After this message, the mission offering was taken. Together with the offering brought from the churches in Minnesota, and the cash offering from the floor, we were able to raise $210.70.

We had three great services on Sunday, and it seemed that God blessed every message and song. An orphanage offering of $20.00 was received in the morning service. The message was brought by Sister Brostrom in the morning; Sister Esther Olson, in the afternoon; and Sister Sande in the evening. The power of God fell in the evening service, and many were blessed during the altar service. One minister who has been in Minnesota for years said this was the best convention he could remember here.

The local church in Minneapolis went right on with a revival, and God's blessing was upon each service. At least three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We desire your prayers that God will cause the work in Minnesota to grow and that many will be saved.—Ralph M. Brostrom.

MOUNT ZION'S NEW PARSONAGE



The Mount Zion Church of God at Indianola, Mississippi, has just completed a nice modern parsonage, six rooms and a bath, three of them being large bedrooms. The floors are hardwood, except the kitchen and bath, which are tile. The walls are finished with sheetrock, and the ceiling is finished with celotex. There are built-in cabinets in the kitchen, hot and cold water, an electric pump and water softner, gas for heat, and a thirty-inch attic fan with automatic shutter.

This building was built by the free labor of the good members of this local church and friends. It is a masterpiece of work, of which we are certainly proud. We should like to say that the L.W.W.B. here has worked hard to furnish this beautiful parsonage with everything that is needed to make it convenient. They have also done a fine job landscaping, of which we are proud. This parsonage is valued at $9,000; we owe only $1,000 on it. We have certainly enjoyed our work here at Mount Zion. Pray for us to see even greater things accomplished for God and His Church.—J. E. Kennedy, pastor.

The Church of God at Middlesex, N. C., has just closed a good revival with Rev. John E. Lemons as the evangelist. There were 19 saved, 5 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 11 added to the church. The Lord did bless in a great way. Also, have just remodeled the parsonage and put in a bath, costing about $1,300. Pray for us here at Middlesex.—Herman Smith, Pastor.

NOTICES

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The official attitude of the Church of God toward the REVISED STANDARD VERSION BIBLE, passed by the Supreme Council in session March 2, 1953:

Inasmuch as the Church of God has, throughout the years, largely used the *King James Version* of the Bible in a highly satisfactory manner; and

Whereas, in our opinion, the *Revised Standard Version,* as well as several other versions of the Bible, is contrary to and a distortion of numerous passages of the Holy Scripture which we hold to be divinely inspired, infallible, fundamental and, therefore, indispensible; and

Whereas, one of the first principles accepted in the earliest history of the Church of God was that we accept the whole Bible rightly divided, and this is still one of its most cherished and sacred principles;

Therefore, be it understood that we are definitely opposed to the *Revised Standard Version* of the Bible that takes from, adds to, and distorts the Holy Scriptures in the manner shown in the following comparison:

I. DELETION OF THE SCRIPTURES

In the *King James Version,* Mark 16:9-20 reads: "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

The *Revised Standard Version* has omitted all of this portion including it only as a footnote, separate and apart from the regular scripture text.

This is a clear case of omitting a portion of the Scripture that shows the supernatural power of Jesus Christ.

II. DOCTRINE

1. Atonement

In the doctrine of the atonement there are several distortions. In Leviticus 17:11 the *King James Version* says, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul," while the *Revised Standard Version* says, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life," the last clause omitting mention of atonement of the soul.

Romans 3:25 of the *King James Version* says, "Whom God had set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God," and the *Revised Standard Version* translates it, "Whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forebearance he had passed over former sins," which is a substitution of expiation for propitiation.

1 John 2: is the same. The *King James Version* says, "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." The *Revised Standard Version* says, "And he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

2. The Blood of Christ

Concerning the blood of Christ, the *Revised Standard Version* omits Luke 22:20 altogether, which in the *King James Version* reads, "Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament of my blood, which is shed for you."

Colossians 1:14 in the *King James Version* reads, "In whom we have redemption thru His blood, even the forgiveness of sins," but the *Revised Standard Version* makes no mention of the blood.

3. The Deity of Christ

Daniel 3:25 of the *King James Version* reads, "He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God," while the deity of Christ is denied in the *Revised Standard Version* which reads, "He answered, But I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

The deity of Christ is denied in the *Revised Standard Version.* Psalm 2:7 of the *King James Version* reads, "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee," but the *Revised Standard Version* reads, "I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, You are my son; today I have begotten thee."

Psalm 2:12 of the *King James Version* reads, "Kiss the Son lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him," while the *Revised Standard Version* reads, "Kiss his feet, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

4. The Second Coming of Christ

Titus 2:13 of the *King James Version* reads, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ," but the *Revised Standard Version* denies a personal coming of Christ by saying, "Awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ," intimating that only the glory shall appear.

Jude 14 of the *King James Version* reads, "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints," but the *Revised Standard Version* makes this past tense instead of future by saying, "It was of these also that Enoch in the seventh generation from Adam prophesied, saying, Behold the Lord came with his holy myriads."

5. The Virgin Birth of Christ

Isaiah 7:14 of the *King James Version* which says, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel," is changed in the *Revised Standard Version* to say, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name IMMANUEL."

Distortions and deletions are too numerous for a complete listing here, and Bible-believing Christians have become weary of them.

It shall be the policy and practice of the Church of God in the future, as it has been in the past, to use the *King James Version* as the accepted version of the Scriptures, and we shall use it in all our literature and publications and publicly as the text Bible of our pulpits and classrooms, and shall encourage its continued use in private study and devotions.

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CONVERSION MARKS NAE CONVENTION

CINCINNATI, Ohio (EP) The second night of the Eleventh National Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals was marked by a remarkable conversion after the sermon preached by Evangelist Billy Graham to nearly three thousand evangelicals who packed Taft Auditorium to hear the colorful evangelist. Graham preached directly "to preachers," outlining the need for more consecration and holy living among the clergy and religious leaders, but in the audience there was a well-known TV personality, Mel Martin, who was deeply impressed. Martin, who has a breakfast TV program over WLW is well known throughout the State, sought out Graham and other NAE leaders after the meeting and was converted. He had at one time trained for the ministry and had held revival meetings but had abandoned the religious field to star in radio and television. In a public testimony the morning after, on his TV broadcast, Martin, whose real name is Mel Dibble, declared he was returning to the ministry and would leave TV.

Another high point of the convention was the unusual report of the revival now going on in Japan which was brought by Free Methodist missionary, Jacob DeShazer, who is internationally known as the bombardier of one of the planes in the Jimmie Doolittle bombing of Tokyo during the war. DeShazer was captured and, while suffering internment in Japan, was converted and dedicated his life to missionary work in Japan.

Evangelicals packed conference rooms of the Sheraton-Gibson and Sinton hotels during the day in the various NAE commissions gatherings during the convention. Other speakers at the evening mass meetings were Dr. Paul S. Rees, of the First Mission Covenant Church in Minneapolis, president of NAE; Dr. Bob Shuler, Sr., of Los Angeles, and Dr. Lee Roberson, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

The NAE elected the following slate of officers to serve during the coming year; President, Dr. Paul S. Rees; First Vice-President, Dr. Irwin S. Yeaworth, Covenant First Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; Second Vice-President, Dr. Paul S. Petticord, Portland, Oregon; Secretary, Seth A. Rohrer, Elkhart, Indiana; Treasurer, Rev. Rusus W. Jones, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. R. L. Decker was reappointed Executive Director, and Harold Taylor, Field Secretary for the organization.

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CAMP MEETING DATES

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June 8-14	TEXAS	Weatherford—Campground
June 15-27 — Youth School		
June 9-18	FLORIDA	Wimauma—Campground
June 9-14	WISCONSIN	Wausau
June 8-13	WEST VIRGINIA	Beckley
June 8-14	KANSAS	Coffeyville
June 15-20	ARIZONA	Phoenix—Assembly of God Campground
June 15-21	SOUTH ALABAMA	Crichton
June 22-28	CALIFORNIA	Arlington
June 22-28	IDAHO	Coeur d' Alene—Baptist Youth Camp
June 29-July 5	WASHINGTON-OREGON	Woodland, Wash.,—Church of God Campground
June 29-July 4	VIRGINIA	Radford
June 29-July 5	ALABAMA	Birmingham—Campground
June 29-July 5	NEW JERSEY	Bridgeton
June 29-July 5	MICHIGAN	Sunfield—United Brethren Campground
June 29-July 5	KENTUCKY	Lexington—Campground
June 29-July 5	OKLAHOMA	Chandler—Campground
June 29-July 5	SOUTH CAROLINA	Mauldin—Campground
June 30-July 4	NEBRASKA	Rulo Indian Church on the Reservation, about 6 miles from Rulo
June 30-July 9	NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA	Minot, North Dakota
July 6-12	NORTH CAROLINA	Charlotte—Campground
July 7-12	WESTERN CANADA	Estevan—I. B. C.
July 13-19	ARKANSAS	Bald Knob
July 13-19	NEW YORK	New York City
July 13-20	TENNESSEE	Cleveland
July 14-19	MISSISSIPPI	Hattiesburg
July 20-26	MAINE	Appleton
July 26-August 2	CENTRAL CANADA	London
July 27-August 2	MARYLAND	Hurlock
July 27-August 2	MONTANA	Livingston
July 27-August 2	ILLINOIS	Benton—Campground
July 27-August 6	PENNSYLVANIA	Somerset—Campground
August 2-9	MISSOURI	Arcadia
August 3-9	COLORADO	Grand Junction
August 4-9	LOUISIANA	Alexandria
August 10-16	IOWA	Ottumwa—Open Bible Campgr'nd
August 11-16	NEW MEXICO	Roswell
August 17-23	GEORGIA	Doraville—Campground
August 24-29	OHIO	Lancaster—Methodist Campground

In Memoriam

HARGRAVE

James O. Hargrave, of Lubbock, Texas, slipped away suddenly to his eternal rest March 18, 1953, at the age of 77. He was a member of the Church of God at Lubbock. He left a testimony a few days before his death that he was ready to go. He is survived by his wife, 2 sons, Rev. J. E. Hargrave, pastor at Wichita, Kans., and James O. Hargrave, of Texarkana, Texas; 3 daughters, Mrs. J. B. Lake, Mrs. F. J. Lake, and Mrs. L. L. Clark; 23 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. The officiating ministers at the funeral were his pastor, Rev. C. R. Thomison, and his former pastor, Rev. G. E. Anthony.—His daughter, Mrs. L. L. Clark.

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LANDRESS

Ocilla L. Landress, 73 years old, departed this life Saturday morning, May 9, at 5:18 a.m. She passed away at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas. Mother Landress was a faithful member of the Church of God for 33 years. Left to mourn her departure are 4 daughters, Mrs. Thomas, of Sanford, Fla.; Mrs. C. W. Kerce, of Rockfort, Ill.; Mrs. W. H. Hillard, of Orlando, Fla.; and Mrs. P. G. Richmond, of Miami, Fla.; also 4 sons, O. D. and T. O., both of Sanford, Fla.; D. L. and R. L., of Fernandina Beach; a sister and brother, Mrs. Bessie Roberts and J. H. Davis; nineteen grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. She will also be missed by a host of friends of this community.—Mrs. T. C. Messer, Sanford, Fla.

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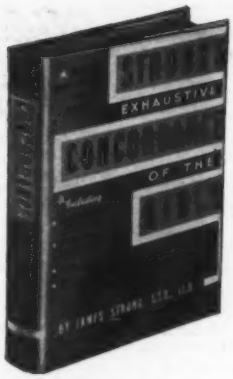

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